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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS - NEXT ROUND

REFERENCE: (A) REYKJAVIK 1437; (B) REYKJAVIK 1449

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. WE HAVE NO FURTHER THOUGHTS ON SITE AND DATE OF NEXT SESSION. AMBASSADOR PORTER LEAVES MATTER TO YOUR DISCRETION AND IS PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE HIMSELF TO FONMIN'S WISHES. IN THE EVENT OF AGREEMENT ON POSTPONEMENT UNTIL JANUARY, AN UNDERTAKING BY ICELAND NOT TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 25, 1974 WOULD HAVE ASSURED US LEGAL POSITION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES, LETTER PROPOSED TO FONMIN IN REFTEL (B) IS ACCEPTABLE. ALTHOUGH PROPOSED LETTER IS PERHAPS NOT LEGALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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BINDING, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD PROTECT OUR POSITION, AS FONMIN IS UNLIKELY TO INVOKE TERMINATION PROVISION UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 25 DATE SPECIFIED IN LETTER.

2. FOLLOWING IS NEW TABLE 3 WHICH YOU MAY PASS TO FONMIN:

TABLE 3
 ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE - STRENGTH AND PROPOSED REDUCTIONS
 PROPOSED
 MILITARY ROTATIONAL CIVILIAN
 COMPONENT STRENGTH UNITS REPLACEMENTS

COMMAND AND CONTROL	593		-113
DIRECT DEFENSE (E.G., ASW PATROL, FIGHTER- INTERCEPTOR UNITS)	989	-425	- 38
DEFENSE SUPPORT	284		-29
SURVEILLANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS	639		- 90
NAVIGATION, SEARCH & RESCUE, WEATHER	100	- 20	- 24
GENERAL SUPPORT	712		-315
TOTAL	3317	-445	-609
REMAINING MILITARY		2872	2263

INCLUDES POSITIONS REQUIRING SECURITY CLEARANCE.

DECEMBER 3, 1973 PORTER

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